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SUBJECT: UNESCO 98TH EXBD: AGENDA ITEMS 9.3, 9.4,

9.5: CHILE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SUBJECT ITEMS REPRESENT UNFINISHED BUSINESS CARRIED OVER TO THIS BOARD SESSION AND WILL BE FIRST AGENDA ITEMS DEALT WITH. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT CUBANS INSISTED AT LAST BOARD SESSION, WITH CHILEAN CONCURRENCE, THAT POSTPONEMENT CONDITIONAL UPON PRIORITY SCHEDULING AT THIS BOARD SESSION.

2. ACCORDING TO CHILEAN DEPUTY PERMREP, BOARD WILL FIRST CONSIDER ITEM 9.5, REPORT OF BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION WHICH MET DURING LAST BOARD SESSION UNDER BRAZILIAN CHAIRMANSHIP WHICH CONCLUDED, INTER ALIA, THAT COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE NEEDED FURTHER PRECISION BEFORE QUESTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE COULD BE DEALT WITH MEANINGFULLY. SECONDLY, BOARD WILL CONSIDER ITEM 9.3, UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATORY MISSION SENT BY UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL TO INQUIRE INTO THE STATE OF EDUCATION
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SCIENCE, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION IN CHILE.

FINALLY, BOARD WILL DEAL WITH CHILEAN-INSCRIBED ITEM 9.4 ENTITLED "PROTEST CONCERNING ACTIONS TAKEN AS THE RESULT OF COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST CHILE", INCLUDING CHILEAN VIEWPOINT ON PRECEDING BOARD DECISIONS.

3. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ALSO PENDING SINCE LAST BOARD SESSION: (A) RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY MOST LA BOARD MEMBERS WITH CO-SPONSORSHIP ALSO OF TOGO, SPAIN AND UGANDA (DOCUMENT 97 EX/DR.8); AND (B) CUBAN RESOLUTION (DOCUMENT 97 EX/DR.9). FIRST RESOLUTION IS IN ESSENCE INCONCLUSIVE TEXT FOCUSING LARGELY ON PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS BY BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION, ONLY "TAKES NOTE" OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT DONE AT LAST BOARD SESSION BUT WHICH WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED AT THIS SESSION UNDER ITEM 9.5 BUT ALSO "EXPRESSES WISH" THAT RESULTS OF SCHEDULED FOLLOW-UP REPORT BY UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP BE CONVEYED TO UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL WHO IN TURN ASKED TO INFORM THIS BOARD "AS HE CONSIDERS NECESSARY" CUBAN TEXT IN ESSENCE A DEAD LETTER AS IT FOCUSES ON PLACING COMPLAINTS AGAINST CHILE ON THIS BOARD AGENDA.

4. BOARD CHAIRMAN HECTOR WYNTER (JAMAICA) AND OTHER PERMDELS HERE ANTICIPATE THAT CHILEAN ISSUES WILL BE VERY HOT, RATHER THAN COOLING OFF AS ANTICIPATED LAST BOARD SESSION, BECAUSE (A) REPORTED CHILEAN GOVERNMENT REFUSAL TO ALLOW UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TEAM TO ENTER CHILE AND (B) PRESS STORIES OF MURDERS OF MORE THAN 100 CHILEAN EXILES IN ARGENTINA; ALLEGEDLY AT INSTIGATION OF CHILEAN AUTHORITIES. IN SUM, RECENT EVENTS HAVE PROVIDED AMPLE PRETEXTS FOR CUBAN BOARD MEMBER TO INTRODUCE WHAT WILL PROBABLY BE HARSHLY CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION.

5. CHILEAN PERMDEL ADVISES THEY ACTIVELY CONTACTING OTHER LA DELEGATIONS TO SOLICIT SUPPORT AGAINST CUBANS. MOREOVER, THEIR UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT VERY ABLE AND RESPECTED BRAZILIAN BOARD MEMBER (CARNEIRO) HAS CONFIDENTIAL

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DRAFT RESOLUTION TEXT IN MIND THAT WOULD PROVIDE REALISTIC ALTERNATIVES TO ANTICIPATED CUBAN TEXT. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO FRIENDLY COLOMBIAN PERMREP, REPEATEDLY DEVELOPING THAW BETWEEN CUBA AND BULK OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES PRESENTS "COMPLICATIONS" FOR LA BOARD MEMBERS WHICH HITHERTO CLEARLY INCLINED TO WORK TOGETHER TO AT LEAST WATER DOWN CONDEMNATIONS OF CHILEANS.

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6. PERMDEL WILL REQUIRE DETAILED GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT FOR THESE ITEMS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED SHORTLY AFTER BOARD'S OPENING SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 15.

7. PERMDEL WOULD SUGGEST CONTINUATION OF US LOW PROFILE AND OF POSITION THAT UNESCO BOARD AND COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION NOT EQUIPPED TO DETERMINE ACCURACY OF COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST CHILE. PUBLIC STATEMENTS WOULD, OF COURSE, ALSO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO DEEP CONCERN OF US FOR RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL AS REMINDER THAT WE ALSO EXAMINE CLOSELY HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS OF THOSE WHO INITIATE CRITICISM OF OTHER COUNTRIES. AS IN PAST, PERMDEL WOULD RECOMMEND US ABSTAIN IN VOTES ON POSSIBLE TEXTS MAKING SPECIFIC COMBINATION#OF CHILE, BUT THAT PERMDEL HAVE DISCRETION AUTHORITY TO VOTE IN FAVOR, IF US VOTE NEEDED, FOR TEXTS ALTERNATIVE TO ANTICIPATED CUBAN-SOVIET BLOC LANGUAGE. PERMDEL WOULD PROPOSE TO WORK DISCREETLY IN CORRIDORS TO AT LEAST SOFTEN MOVE FOR HARSHLY CRITICAL TEXT ON GROUNDS THAT UNESCO CAN ILL

AFFORD INVOLVEMENT IN ISSUE OF SUCH OBVIOUS POLITICAL
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8. IN PARTICULAR, PERMDEL WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS
TO DEGREE OF SUPPORT AND COOPERATION WE ARE TO EXTEND
TO CHILEAN PERMDEL. IN PAST, CHILEAN PERMDEL HAS
ACTIVELY AND PERSISTENTLY SOUGHT OUR ASSISTANCE IN
LOBBYING AMONG WEO'S AND OTHER FRIENDLY BOARD MEMBERS
IN THEIR BEHALF. IN VIEW SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE AND
IMPORTANT TACTICAL CONSIDERATION THAT US EFFORTS OR
PRONOUNCEMENTS IN DEFENSE OF CHILEANS COULD HAVE
OPPOSITE RESULTS OF WHAT CHILEANS DESIRE, WE WOULD
SUGGEST THAT OUR SUPPORT BE STRICTLY CONFINED TO DIS-
CREET EFFORTS OUTLINED ABOVE AND ONLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES
MIGHT REQUIRE TO SOFTEN CONDEMNATION OF CHILEANS.
GENERAL BOARD FEELING, AS DISTINCT FROM CUBANS,
ALGERIANS, AND SOVIETS, WHO HAVE LED MORE FOR ACTION
AGAINST GOC, IS THAT ALTHOUGH ANTI-GOC CRITICISM
DIFFICULT TO STOMACH IN VIEW OF ACCUSERS, RECORD OF
CHILEAN ACTIONS ON THE OTHER HAND PRECLUDE ACTIVE
DEFENSE OF GOC.
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